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Staff Changes Made

Several upper level staff changes have been made in recent months, H. J. Anderson, director of highways, announced.

Homer G. Wheeler, formerly chief-construction bureau, has been promoted to assistant administrator-engineering division. He will be assistant to Jack R. Beekert, administrator-engineering division.

Clarence R. Mackey, formerly senior assistant chief-construction bureau, has been promoted to chief of the construction bureau to replace Wheeler.

Kermit W. Anderson, formerly director-information unit, has been promoted to supervisor—advertising-information section, to oversee an expanded tourist promotion and information program. Scott Warden, director-advertising unit, retains his position in charge of advertising, assisted by Josephine Brooker, assistant director. Kermit Anderson will continue to direct the activities of the information office.

Grover O. Powers, formerly supervisor-preconstruction section, has been transferred to a new position under Beekert's jurisdiction, that of special
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SKI EDITORS TOUR—Five travel writers arrived in Montana this winter to visit Big Mountain ski area at Whitefish as part of a tour which included Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Vancouver, B. C. They are shown at Glacier Park International airport (Kalispell) with Big Mountain in the background. Representatives of all Montana ski areas were invited to a banquet at Big Mountain to meet and talk with the writers. The pros, representing Skiing Magazine, New York Times, Mountain Gazette (Aspen, Colo.), Southwest Skier and Peninsula Newspapers (California), said that Montana had the best snow and the best sunshine they encountered on their trip. (Garry Wunderwald Photo)

Montana Action Plan to Involve Public in Decision Making

Montana, along with the other 49 states, is implementing an "Action" plan which will insure full public participation in the planning, location and design of new highways, according to the Montana Department of Highways.

The prime emphasis of the Action plan is the involvement of other agencies and the public in the project development process. Through such involvement the public can gain confidence in the highway department's decisions. The public will be assured

a chance to judge the options and compare the costs and benefits of taking a particular action, or even a decision of "no build" if such is the case.

The Action plan is designed to answer a major dilemma of the state road agency—the need for safe, efficient and fast transportation, and the desire for an environment that is safe, quiet, and beautiful. There will be increased emphasis on the objective analysis of economic, social and environmental effects of proposed highway projects.

In response to public demand in the past, engineers and planners of highway transportation systems have already instituted public hearings, prepared impact statements, and heeded environmental considerations which avoid taking public parks, historic landmarks and wildlife refuges. The new Action plan will complement and expand this concept of public participation on the local and state level.

The first phase in the development of the Action plan is the solicitation of comments from the public and other agencies. The Montana Action plan will be in full operation this fall.

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assignments engineer VI in charge of future highway legislation. A revised Secondary Road Plan, together with policies, procedures and design standards for secondary roads will be one of his first assignments.

Stephen C. Kologi, formerly manager-location and road design unit, has been named supervisor-preconstruction section.

Kenneth F. Skoog, formerly area engineer, replaced Kologi as manager-location and road design unit.

Paul E. Poirier, manager-traffic design unit, has been transferred to planning and research bureau as special assignments engineer V, in charge of the urban transportation planning section.

Alex G. Zbitnoff, division traffic engineer, Butte division, transferred to Helena to assume the position of manager-traffic design unit.

A new permits unit was established in the right of way section to handle billboard permits, encroachment control, and other related activities. Truman C. Cleveland was named to head this unit. John W. Haniuk, formerly assistant chief appraiser, replaces Cleveland as manager of the appraisal unit. The land and records unit was split into two separate activities with Emory Reuterdaahl retaining supervision of the land unit and John A. Poole assuming supervision of the records unit.

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Great Falls	Ciel Tinelli
Havre	Edna Hess
Helena	Bev Gibson
Kalispell	Bob Finley
Lewistown	Bea Knerr
Miles City	Jean Sweeney
Missoula	Clara Neely
Wolf Point	Ollie Hauge

News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Although Congress has not yet passed a Federal Highway Act for the fiscal 1974-1975 biennium, it is becoming apparent that, barring a change in the Nixon Administration's attitude, there will be no release of Montana's impounded highway funds totaling about \$50,000,000, and, further, that the level of funding for the period commencing July 1, 1974, may be even less than the funding level of fiscal 1973.

Without going into detail, the practical effect of the foregoing would be to reduce the Construction Program of the Department of Highways to approximately one-half the programs of 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973.

This reduced level of activity will result in lower manpower requirements and reduced expenditures. The Department will do its utmost to maintain the highest level of construction possible, and at the same time maintain a proper balance between the Construction Program and other department programs. Meanwhile, the Governor and our Congressional Delegation are continuing their efforts to secure the release of the impounded funds.

This message is for the purpose of forewarning Department employees of the possible reduction resulting from actions of the Federal Government.

Bowling Tournament Scheduled In Helena May 5-6

Great plans are being formulated for the 12th annual Department of Highways bowling tournament, which will be held in Helena May 5 and 6. Team events will be bowled at the Capital City Bowl, and singles and doubles at Imperial Lanes.

Chairmen for the affair are Gary Garden and Sherm Platts. Other committee members are Donna La-Fournaise, tickets; Lyle Lallum, arrangements; Joy Lyman, secretary; and Ellen Dennis, banquet.

Entry blanks have been sent out to all divisions and from early re-

plies, it sounds as though every division will be represented in full force.

Plans are underway for the banquet and dance to be held Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 415 North Fee Street. A baron of beef dinner will start at 6 p.m. and serving will continue until 9 p.m. Dancing will follow the dinner. Price of the dinner will be determined by the results of ticket sales.

Tickets have been sent to all divisions and are available from local bowling committee members. Everyone is urged to support the ticket sale and attend the tournament.



HOWDY, M'AM—Director of Highways H. J. "Andy" Anderson greeted Miss Montana 1973 Debra Jo DeBiase when she visited the highway department last month. Debbie is from Billings and won her title not only for grace of face and figure but for her talented modern ballet dancing. As official hostess for the State of Montana, Debbie will be appearing at many functions during her reign. (Department of Highways Photo.)

WITH THE DIVISIONS

Glendive

Nancy Siegle

We've had a few resignations recently. Gary Johnston, engineering aide II, resigned February 23 to start pig farming near Fallon. Raymond Dame, engineering aide II, resigned also February 23 for personal reasons and Paul Regan, engineer-in-training, resigned to accept other employment March 9.

Dave Deckert has been promoted to shop foreman.

Our office manager, Tony Sherting, underwent surgery the middle of March. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Terry Diegel, R/W, is the proud father of a little girl born in February. Little Becky has one brother, Jeff.

Jack Riley, chief-field maintenance bureau; Dean Knapp, manager, R/W, and John Berres, division office engineer were among the Glendive-ites who attended the Class A basketball tournament in Billings, March 8, 9 and 10. Everyone was pleased when the Red Devils came home in second place. Our congratulations to the Miles City Cowboys on their number one crown.

Our summer helper last summer, Jeanette Legato, gave birth to a baby girl February 26. Her name is Gina Marie. We haven't any news yet if former Centerline correspondent Carole Curtiss has had her baby. In December, Carole, her husband and two daughters moved to Minnesota.

—Answers to Quiz, page 4—

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. a 6. b
7. a 8. b 9. c 10. a 11. c 12. c
13. c 14. c 15. a 16. b 17. b 18. a
19. b 20. c 21. c 22. c 23. a 24. c
25. a 26. c 27. c 28. a 29. b 30. c
31. c 32. c 33. a 34. b 35. a 36. a
37. c 38. c 39. c 40. c 41. b 42. b
43. b 44. c 45. a 46. c 47. c 48. a
49. b 50. a

Score: 45-50 Excellent

37-44 Good

30-36 Average

25-29 Fair

0-24 Tourist

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW MONTANA?

1. Glacier National Park has over _____miles of trails
 - a. 200
 - b. 500
 - c. 1,000
2. The Montana State Legislature has_____senators
 - a. 50
 - b. 59
 - c. 100
3. The Montana State Legislature has_____representatives
 - a. 50
 - b. 100
 - c. 150
4. Montana is divided into_____counties
 - a. 54
 - b. 55
 - c. 56
5. The fifth largest city in Montana is
 - a. Helena
 - b. Butte
 - c. Missoula
6. There is no junior college in
 - a. Glendive
 - b. Wolf Point
 - c. Miles City
7. The Montana State Supreme Court has_____justices elected for six-year terms
 - a. five
 - b. six
 - c. seven
8. The J. K. Ralston Museum and Art Center is located in
 - a. Miles City
 - b. Sidney
 - c. Wolf Point
9. Historic Reeder's Alley, an area once occupied by miners, mule-skinners and Chinese laundrymen and in recent years a center for Montana artists is located in
 - a. Butte
 - b. Billings
 - c. Helena
10. Big Spring Creek, a well-known trout stream, runs through the middle of
 - a. Lewistown
 - b. Livingston
 - c. Laurel
11. The See'm Alive Zoo is located at
 - a. Kalispell
 - b. Great Falls
 - c. Red Lodge
12. The Chief Plenty Coups Monument and Museum is at
 - a. Edgar
 - b. Hardin
 - c. Pryor
13. Abandoned coal mines are found at
 - a. Columbus
 - b. Custer
 - c. Roundup
14. The Bitterroot Valley is_____of Missoula
 - a. North
 - b. West
 - c. South
15. The largest room in the State Capitol is the
 - a. House of Representatives Chamber
 - b. Senate Chamber
 - c. Law Library
16. Chouteau and Dawson counties were named after two early day
 - a. Cowboys
 - b. Fur Traders
 - c. Statesmen
17. The county seat of Lake County is
 - a. Kalispell
 - b. Polson
 - c. Whitefish
18. The area of Montana is
 - a. 147,138 square miles
 - b. 350,410 square miles
 - c. 197,205 square miles
19. The town of Two Dot got its name from
 - a. Lewis and Clark
 - b. An early day brand
 - c. The Crow Indians
20. The_____River flows through Bad Rock Canyon.
 - a. Madison
 - b. Jefferson
 - c. Flathead
21. The first vigilante execution took place in
 - a. Virginia City
 - b. Cooke City
 - c. Nevada City
22. The first white man to enter Montana was probably
 - a. John Colter
 - b. LeRoy DiPasquale
 - c. Pierre de La Verendrye
23. Kid Curry held up the Great Northern passenger train in 1901 near
 - a. Malta
 - b. Miles City
 - c. Scobey
24. The Gates of the Mountains are located on the Missouri River north of
 - a. Great Falls
 - b. Fort Benton
 - c. Helena
25. The first discovery of gold in Montana by Francois Finlay in 1852 was at
 - a. Gold Creek
 - b. Alder Gulch
 - c. Last Chance Gulch
26. River known as a "mile wide, an inch deep and runs up hill"
 - a. Missouri
 - b. Big Horn
 - c. Powder
27. The town of Wibaux in south eastern Montana was named after Pierre Wibaux, an early day
 - a. buffalo hunter
 - b. Indian scout
 - c. cattle rancher
28. Thompson Falls was named after David Thompson, an
 - a. explorer and geographer
 - b. Indian agent
 - c. gold prospector
29. The old mining camp of Maiden, now a ghost town, is located near
 - a. Bannack
 - b. Lewistown
 - c. Helena
30. Headquarters of the Kootenai National Forest
 - a. Missoula
 - b. Ronan
 - c. Libby
31. The Snow Bowl ski area is near
 - a. Bozeman
 - b. Red Lodge
 - c. Missoula
32. Which is the largest town
 - a. Frenchtown
 - b. Medicine Lake
 - c. Wibaux
33. Absarokee is nearest the_____river
 - a. Stillwater
 - b. Yellowstone
 - c. Flathead
34. Dolly Varden trout are found in the
 - a. Big Horn River
 - b. Flathead River
 - c. West Gallatin River
35. Targhee Pass near West Yellowstone was named for
 - a. An Indian chief
 - b. A prospector
 - c. A cattle rancher

36. Miles City has a national reputation as a
 - a. cattle and horse market
 - b. silver mining town
 - c. fishing paradise
37. The World Museum of Mining is located in
 - a. Anaconda
 - b. Helena
 - c. Butte
38. He was not one of the financial titans known as the "Copper Kings"
 - a. Marcus Daly
 - b. Augustus Heinze
 - c. Kenneth Lode
39. Lt. Col. George Custer died at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in
 - a. 1884
 - b. 1867
 - c. 1876
40. Which is not on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation
 - a. Lustre
 - b. Larslan
 - c. Lodgepole
41. Busby is located on what Indian reservation
 - a. Crow
 - b. Northern Cheyenne
 - c. Rocky Boy
42. You could catch paddlefish near
 - a. Billings
 - b. Glendive
 - c. Ennis
43. Fromberg, Joliet and Luther are towns located in
 - a. McCone County
 - b. Carbon County
 - c. Stillwater County
44. Sanders, Bighorn and Myers are located near what river
 - a. Missouri
 - b. Milk
 - c. Yellowstone
45. The Red Rock River flows through
 - a. Beaverhead County
 - b. Carter County
 - c. Silver Bow County
46. Which town is not in Daniels County
 - a. Peerless
 - b. Flaxville
 - c. Opheim
47. Brandenburg, Colstrip and Hathaway are all towns located in
 - a. Treasure County
 - b. Carter County
 - c. Rosebud County
48. Inverness, Rudyard and Hingham are all towns in

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Missoula

Clara Neely

News is mighty scarce in these parts after the dull winter. There hasn't been enough snow for good skiing and snowmobiling, nor enough ice in the rivers for good ice fishing, so we are in no position to send you pictures of the trophies accumulated the past few months.

The Herb Bakers, Harvey Goulds and John Daveys spent a long weekend in Jackson, Montana. According to all reports, the lack of snow did not prevent them from having an exciting time. Saved a lot of wear and tear on their equipment, anyhow.

Thomas A. Benedick has received his 25-year pin, and George B. Fox a 10-year pin.

The William Maarts have a new son. Kurt Aaron weighed in at 7½ pounds on February 13th, and joins a brother and sister, Billy and Jodie.

Since there wasn't enough snow for a lot of outdoor activity, our bowlers have been getting in shape for the bowling tournament in Helena. As of this writing, three men's teams and one women's team are ready to go over and mow them down—or whatever it is you do with bowling balls.

The Kevin Thomas family has had a trip to California recently. We are happy to report that Kevin managed to get through Las Vegas without losing his shirt.

Havre

Edna Hess

I. R. "Rex" Spangler was installed as Worshipful Master of Shelby Lodge No. 143 AF&AM at a public installation at the Shelby Lodge Temple January 6. Don Schenok of Hel-

- a. Hill County
- b. Liberty County
- c. Blaine County
49. Glen, Wisdom and Jackson are all along the
 - a. Madison River
 - b. Big Hole River
 - c. Bitterroot River
50. Putnam Lake is in
 - a. Blaine County
 - b. Glacier County
 - c. Deer Lodge County

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Spangler

ena, formerly of Shelby was installing officer. Rex is maintenanceman II working in the Shelby section.

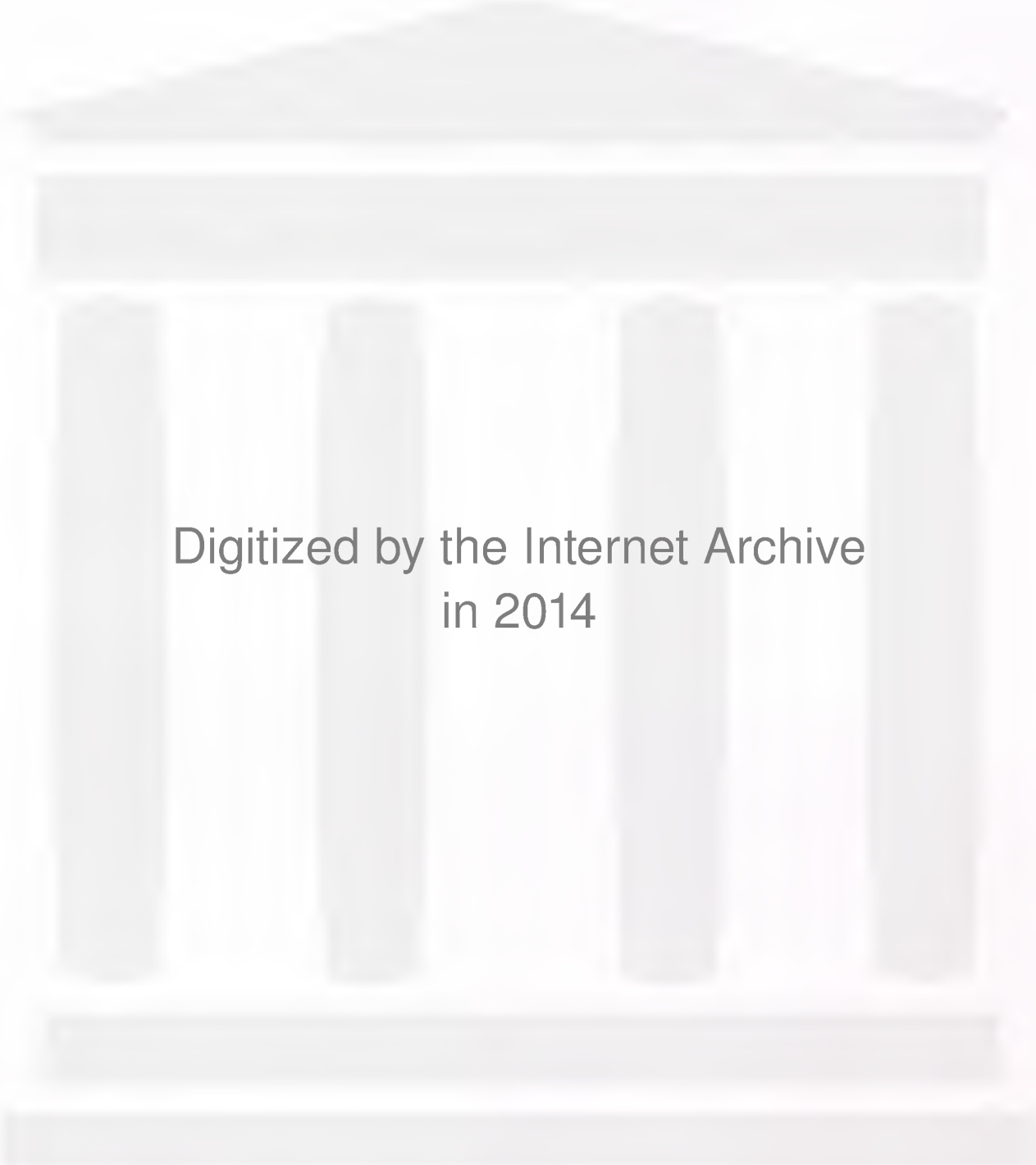
Fred A. Paul, supervisor-field maintenance section at Dupuyer retired on February 28. He started employment in the Great Falls division on June 9, 1942. On July 1, 1967, his section was transferred into the Havre division. A no-host dinner was held for him and his wife, Grace, on February 16th at the Sports Club in Shelby. He was presented with a gift of money from his many friends and co-workers. Fred plans to concentrate on his fishing.

Glen E. Brown, manager-field project unit, has been transferred into the Havre division from the Kalispell division effective November 27, 1972. He is headquartered in Shelby but has been doing bridge inspection work which has taken him around the country.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dunlop are the proud parents of a girl born February 18th. She is their first born and has been named Susan Lucille. Bill is maintenanceman II working out of the Havre section.

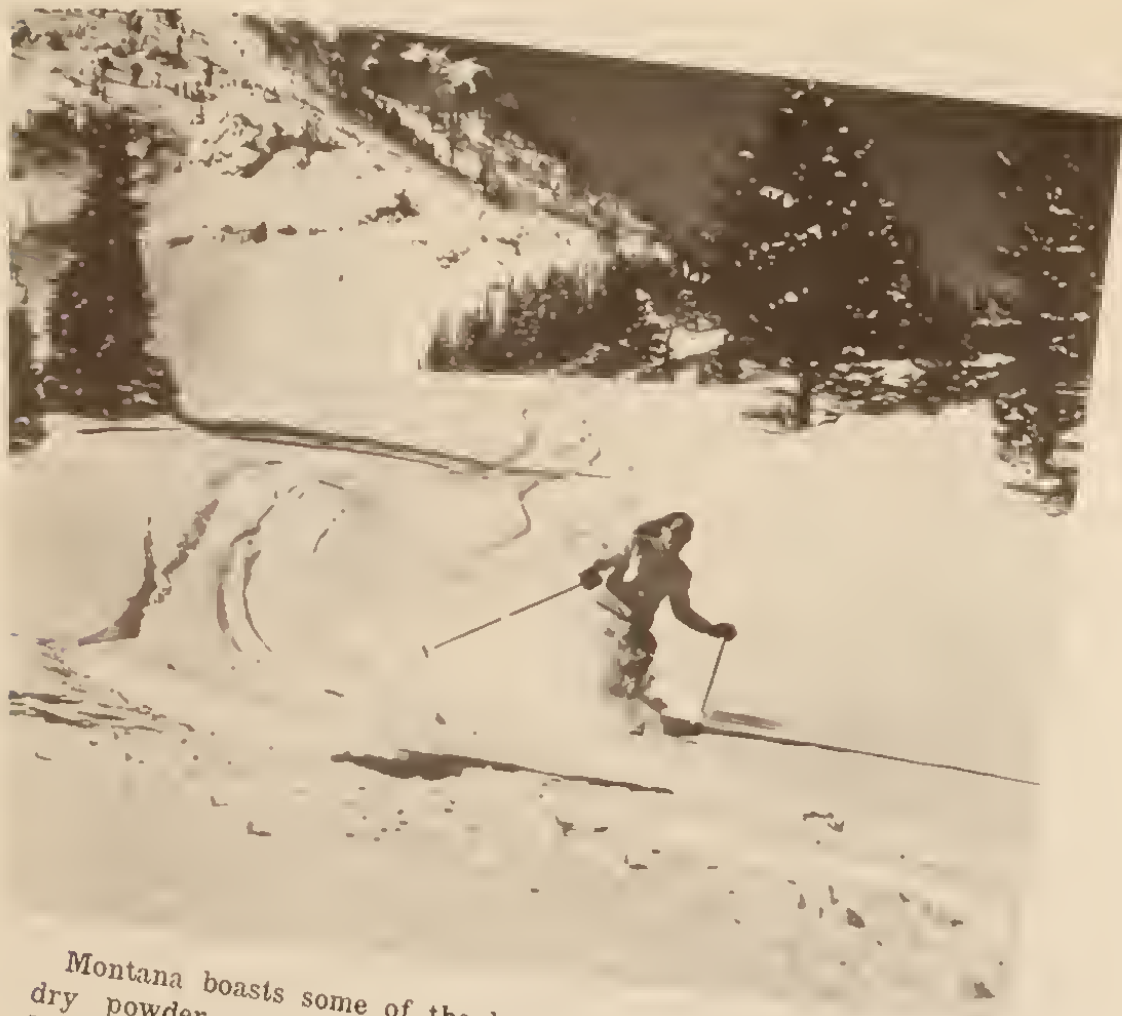
Assignment of not more than 45 days was given to Loren Brandt, instrumentman; Mitchell Nasset and David Wollan, both rodmen from James A. Dolan's crew at Shelby, and Donald Hartwell and Ricky Walter, both engineering aides II from Hugh Klepzig's crew at Cut Bank to assist with a project in the Wilsall area, which began March 5.

On March 16 Warren Thompson, supervisor-field maintenance section, working out of the Havre section, retired after working 37 years, 8 months and 23 days. He and his family plan to remain in Havre.



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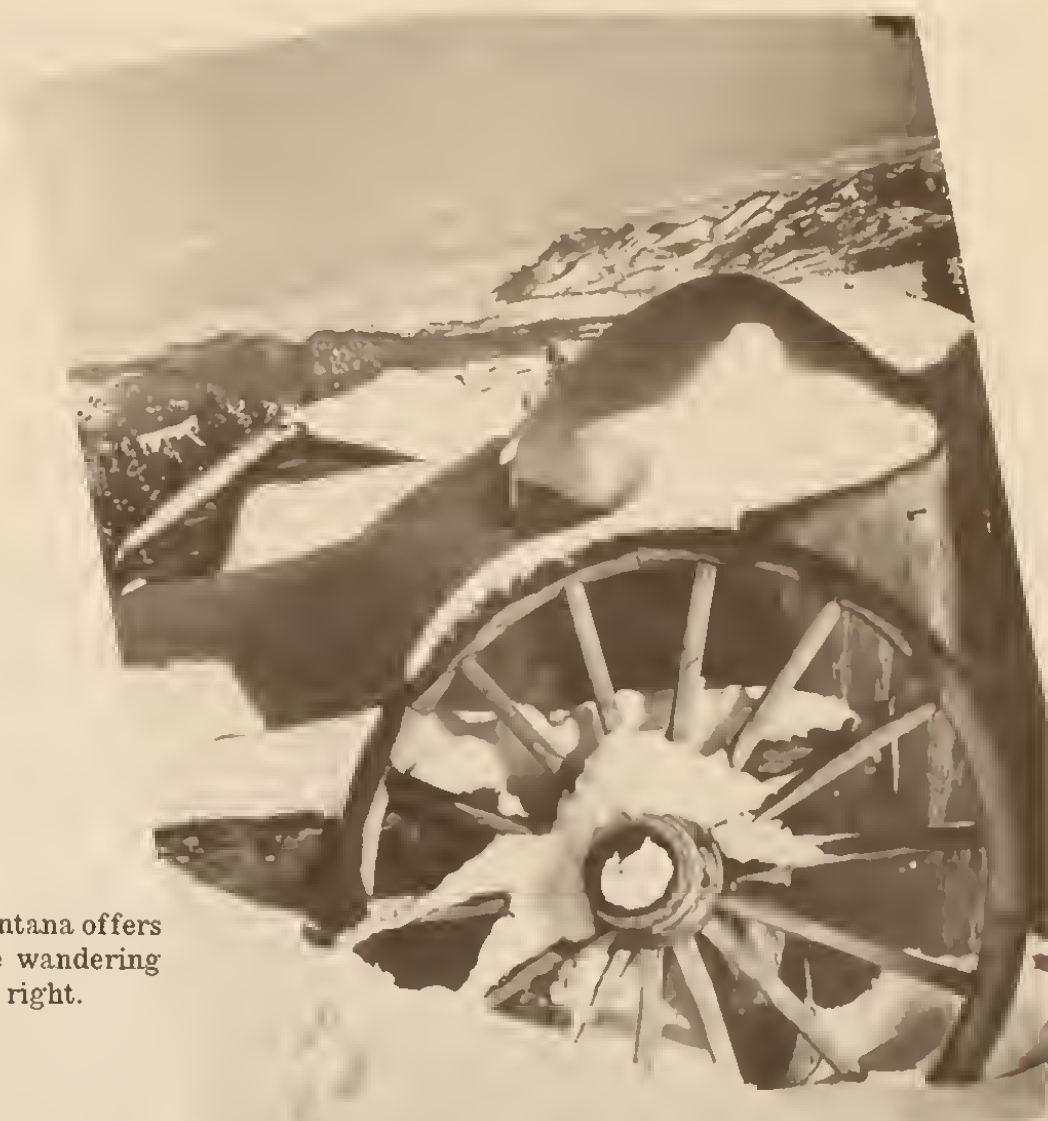
Montana boasts some of the best dry powder snow in the Rocky Mountain west, above.

It doesn't take much ingenuity to decide that the place to go to enjoy snow is directly to the nearest (or your favorite) ski run; in season, naturally. We thought we'd tease

your recollections with memorable pictures of winters past. The great powder snow at Bridger, and the winter carnival snow sculpturing, below, as examples. Fun, eh?



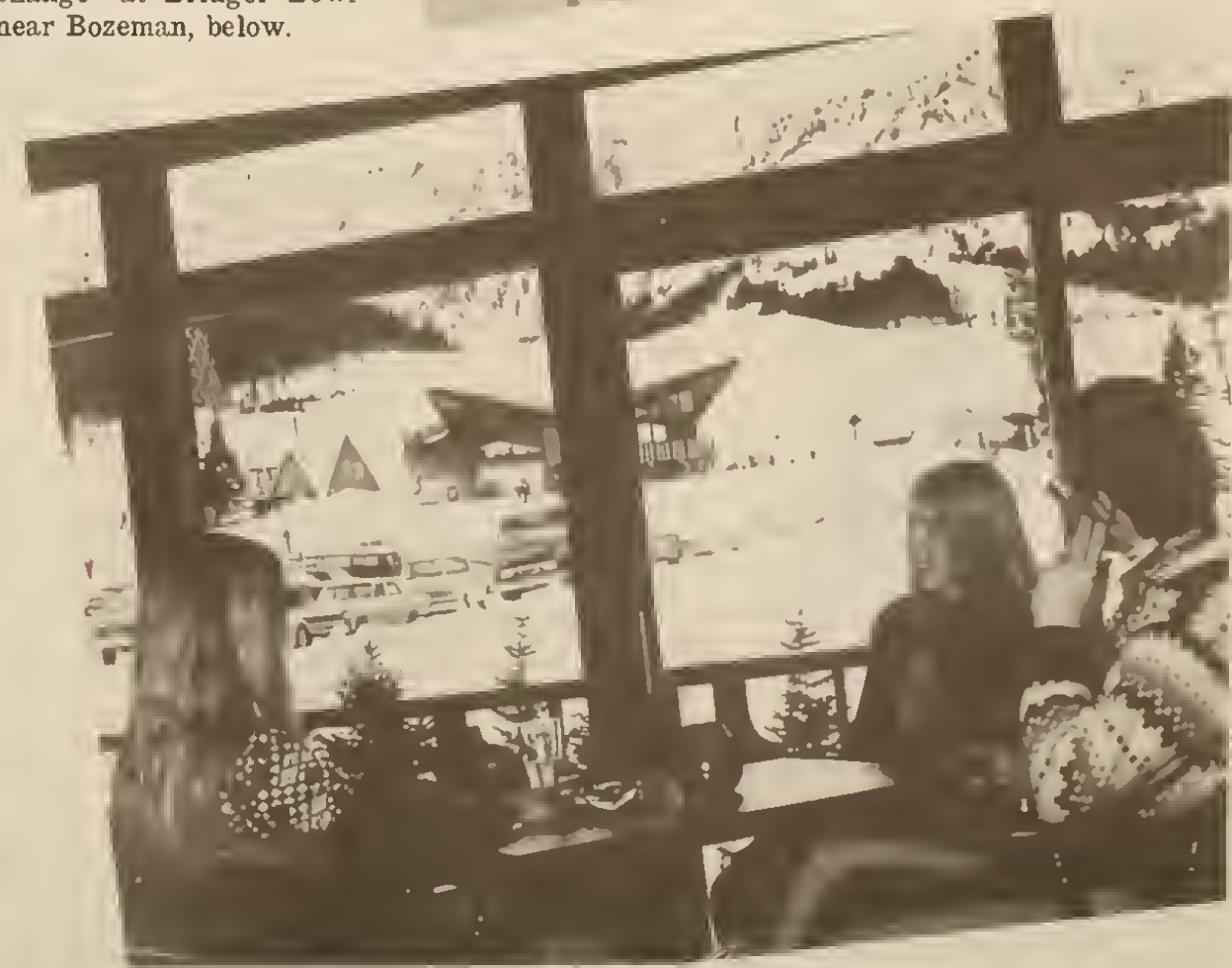
Mountain Montana offers delights to the wandering photographer, right.



An indoors scene—for a change—at Bridger Bowl near Bozeman, below.



Photos by Garry Wunderwald, Advertising.



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Kalispell

—Bob Finley—

Shur'n Begorrah, 'tis the season of the Emerald Isle and the Shamrock when the news is written and about the time of publication 'twill be close to Orangemans Day, so 'tis a great day for the Irish—alas, the members of the auld sod are laeking. A ease in point is Marshall Beatty who defied the wearing of the green by showing up for work in a pair of purple flares to match the purple socks Pat Taylor had presented him. Bum Toombs would probably give another chunk of finger to have been here for this. When the time came for cordialities with the Helena dignitaries, the Harlem Flash faded back to the reservation.

These hallowed halls have been ringing with raconteurs telling of the many trips they enjoyed during the holiday season. Al Lang even extended himself by presenting a couple eves of slides which he took on his recent trip to Germany with wife, Daisy. Everyone enjoyed the slides and the narrative that went with it. Al also slipped out to the coast to indulge in a bit of piscatorial pastime and brought back a leopard shark to show the locals. As you can see by the picture, it is a miniature Maek The Knife.



Lang

Jack Seelye traveled to Bozeman to see his grandson Randy. Jack was not much on a travellog but was a terror on that new grandson.

Mary Ellen Connelly took a trip to the coast with her family to see

the new addition to the Connelly elan and then sojourned to Helena to attend the Governor's Ball. Somewhere in her travels she also got involved in a bit of Walt Disney when Mickey Mouse took a trip with Minnie.

The Ted Sokalowskis also attended the Governor's Ball.

Riek Morgan took a short trip with his wife to the hospital and they are now doting on the newcomer to the family.

Glen Thompson was prowling the pavement in Las Vegas, Palm Springs and Mexieo and after that exposure to southern elimes, has been spending his spare moments slatting the slopes at Big Mountain.

The parsonage at Somers is now sporting a new Vicar—a man Charles called Peter—Vaughan that is, who is available for absolution for minor piceadillos. Larry Chezik is back with us from Great Falls division and will be working in the Libby Dam area. Cake and ice cream were served to a couple fellows who are leaving the department for greener pastures. Arnold A. Mohl is going to enter the asphalt paving business and Gerald Lee, who was a temporary mechanic, left to work for the Ken Hall Construction Co. Three of our maintenancemen joined the ranks of the retired: Iven Herron, the sectionman at Lakeside, Stewart Hampton, sectionman at Noxon, and Lee Vanderveer, maintenanceman IV at Polson. Art Vanek moved up and is filling the sectionman position in Noxon and Norman Jensen moved from Thompson Falls to Noxon to fill Art's spot. David Tousey moved from Columbia Falls section to the Marion section and Danny Butts is moving from the Kalispell shop to the Olney section. The musical chairs created by the retirements is just starting and will be reported in a later issue. Jack Riech made the switch from engineering to maintenance and is doing a bang-up job at Crystal Creek.

A total of over sixty years service was recognized when Steve Vules received his quarter century pin; Ron Turnaeliff and Ken Sampson both decade devotees; and Robert White, Henry Mally and Harold Hodges each received the five-year service awards. The local union selected August

Strobbe to be delegate to the state convention. Norman Nelson has been busy these past weeks getting a fire district formed. Deep concern is felt by all for the wife of Gary Jones and our best wishes go out to her.

Flash—The long-legged bird is expected by Bob and Linda Miller and the Jack Adamsons. Whooppee!

Was checking the river bank in front of the house the other day and saw the neighbor from across the creek and we shouted a few pleasantries to each other. Wayne Gryde was born a short distance downstream and moved across Spring Creek some years ago. He attended Evergreen school and Flathead County High School. Shortly after graduation, he saw the pointing finger and the words, "Uncle Sam Wants You" and signed up for a hitch in the Army. With all his dash and savoir-faire, he became airborne with the Screaming



Gryde

Eagles of the 101st. After leaving this distinguished band, he spent 14 months touring Germany and his command of Deutsche has never left him. "Weiner" returned from service and joined the department in May of 1960. He started working in the soils lab and then transferred to an engineering crew. When exams were given to engineering personnel, Wayne had the highest score of any man in the state at that time. He transferred to maintenance work and served in Columbia Falls and is now stationed in Kalispell section. His love of pizza was a blind and only used to cover up his true love who was the manufacturer of the fallen souffles. He married Helen and they now share the house with two charming girls and a boy.

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Wayne has had a fondness for Spring Creek, having spent most of his life on the banks and is determined to recover some of the former glory when he floated, fished and swam in the creek. He was very instrumental in having a feed lot moved that was adding pollutants to the crystal waters.

With the coming of spring some greener pastures opened and taking advantage of the fact Howard Fauley is leaving MDH for the National Park Service. Coffee and ice cream was served at the highway shop and an impromptu party was held at Mooses. About 30 guys and gals attended the festivities which had all the marks of the old highway gang. The local craftsman assembled a broken piston, a bendix arm and several other pieces of oddmentia to form a trophy.

Helena—Hdq.

—Bev Gibson—

Donald McCammon, Helena High School senior, was named winner of the 1972-73 Voice of Democracy contest. Don won over 1,200 entries from throughout the state. One of his awards is an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for national competition. Don is the son of George McCammon, accounting bureau.

Roy Gagle, formerly head of the highway department lab, and well-known artist, died February 8th at his home in Helena. He was born in Iowa and moved to Montana in 1917. He attended high school in Lewistown and attended Montana State College at Bozeman. He worked for the forest service and as a chemist for ACM. In 1928 he was commissioned by the Board of Great Falls Medical Arts Building to do oil paintings for the new building. Gagle came to work for the highway department in 1933, retiring after 30 years. In 1968 he was elected a fellow in the

American Association for the Advancement of Science. His daughter, Gareth Schmidt, now works in the Accounting Bureau in Helena.

Lavonne Evans, secretary I in the Advertising Unit, retired December 21. She worked 18 years for the state,



Lavonne

with the Department of Agriculture and the State Forester as well as the Department of Highways. Her daughter, Arlene Carlson, works in legal, her first husband, Matt Rodocay worked in Planning Survey and GVW, and her second husband Henry Evans was a state building inspector. Lavonne was feted at a surprise party Dec. 22.

Sverre "Ole" Olson, division office engineer 2, retired March 2 after 26 years of service. Born in North Dakota, Ole first came to work for the department in 1946 in the Missoula division as a chainman. He became a project engineer and resident engineer and was transferred to Helena headquarters in the construction division in 1967. Fellow workers honored Ole and his wife, Eudora with coffee and cake on his last day.



The Olsons

Maxine Mains, wife of Hike Mains, our mailman, died Sunday, March 25th after a brief illness.

Dorothy Bosse, secretary to Jack Wheeler, commission secretary, died February 16th and her absence is felt by everyone on the second floor of

headquarters building as well as by her other friends and relatives.

Maureen McCarthy, daughter of Jack McCarthy, contract plans, was voted head cheerleader at Helena Senior High School in March.

Clyde Mayer, motor pool, rolled a pickup truck on the way back from Kalispell and received injuries which put him in the intensive care ward at St. Peters Hospital in Helena.

"Watch the River Go By," a western musical comedy, was performed in Helena for five days March 30-April 3. The play was written by Ray Anderson's father, Ray Anderson, Sr. and his brother and sister-in-law; the music was written by Mr. Anderson over a period of years. Ray is manager-project control unit; his dad is retired from the Post Office and now part manager of Neill Avenue Tire Co.

Pat LaSalle, husband of Buttons, personnel office, is chairman of the Last Chance Stampede beard growing contest. The highway halls will soon be blossoming with full growths in anticipation of many prizes.

Billings

—James Young—

Norman Gutcher, P.E., traffic engineer I, received his Professional Engineers certificate at the annual engineers awards banquet held at the Elks Club February 23. Congratulations, Norm!

Mabel Trythall, clerk V, retired, entered St. Vincent's Hospital on March 20, for cataract surgery. We all wish you well, Mabel.

About 36 maintenance employees and office personnel held a surprise housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mankin at 736 Orilla in Billings Heights. Bill is maintenance foreman and built his own home.

John Neudiek is a stockholder in the Western Cereal Company, a Montana company using Montana—grown grain in their product. John reports the company is expanding the Billings plant and market area and is now selling in five western states. Western Cereal Company started in Billings in 1919 and markets a product under the trade name of "Cream of the West."

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Mr. and Mrs. Rod Brinde are parents of a new son.

Martin Brinkema, son of "Red" Brinkema, shop foreman, has been selected for the Honor Society at Senior High School. Martin is also an excellent mechanic.

Lori Ann Hauck, daughter of William J. Hauck, manager-field right of way unit, is an honor student at Billings West High School. Lori is also a cheerleader.

Merritt Chamberlain, rodman; Gordon Kirschenmann, engineering aide II, and Ron Boman, maintenanceman, have resigned. Good luck to you, fellows.

Betty Payne, steno, makes the "hottest chip dip" in Billings.

The Billings design has slowed down. Some scurvy creature swiped Bill Contreras's automatic pencil and he has to print by hand now.

Big Sky Credit Union Elects New Officers: At the annual Credit Union banquet meeting held in the Elk's Club on February 9 the following employees were elected to office: Board of Directors, Garth Hougaard, Emmett Colley and Bill Mankin; Credit Committee, Peter Messer and Sharon Graham. Emmett Colley is an employee of the Fish & Game Department.

Jack Liedle, lab geologist, and Arnie Weiss are recovering at home following back surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings. Both were hospitalized about the same time and are recovering nicely. It is expected to take several more weeks before either will return to work.

Butte

—Karen Markovich—

The third annual meeting of the Butte State Employees Federal Credit Union was held at the Ramada Inn in Butte, March 3. Officers for 1973 include: Board of Directors, Gene Goodland, highway, president; Jim Killoy, retired, highway department, 1st vice president; Bill Tamietti, Sr., highway department, 2nd vice president; Sandy Pattison, welfare department, secretary; Jack Colvin, highway department, treasurer. Heading the credit committee are John H. Colvin, highway, Joan M. Powers, highway, Irvin Broell, highway, Leon-

ard C. Olson, first alternate and loan officer, Ed Shea, second alternate. Last but not least is the supervisory committee under the head of George McManis, Bob Eccleston, and Al Boehme.

Other members serving this fast-growing Credit Union include Dan Zahn, assistant treasurer; Bob Fischer, educational committee; John Springer, educational committee, and Merle Johnson, second loan officer.

Kenneth J. Weldon, our ace snow removal man, one of those real rugged individuals who keeps the highway clear in all types of adverse conditions, is now filling in for Frank Kane, our partsman who is vacationing in Arizona. Ken's new job is not new to him as he was the original partsman. As we say in the shop, "Ken is a prince."

Eugene M. Pankey, right of way agent, retired in December. Gene was always well liked and he always had a friendly smile for all whom he met. He worked in this department for 13 years. We will all miss his happy countenance and we wish him well! The Pankeys plan to remain in Butte, and may do a little traveling about.

Derryl Hungerford has returned to work, after spending a couple of weeks in Phoenix, Arizona, where he and his wife visited their daughters, Sandra and Andrea. They report they had a wonderful time. We think he got a suntan(?)

It was only a couple of months ago that Darryl was a patient in one of the local hospitals, where he underwent surgery; he is "feeling" fine again. We found out he spent about eight or nine days in the hospital; it was hard to get him to leave, on account of the pretty nurses and the fine treatment!

Right of Way Agent Thomas Kelly and Mrs. Kelly spent a week at Sun Valley, Idaho doing a little skiing, and they had a fine time. No broken bones were reported.

Here today, gone tomorrow: our own Marilyn D'Arcy, clerk typist in construction will be leaving us and joining her husband Larry in Helena, where Larry has taken on a position with the Department of Institutions. We wish Larry, Marilyn, and their

three children, Doug, Kim and Chip—per the best of luck!

Congratulations to the Bozeman maintenance shop for the excellent service rendered to other state employees. Recently, while on an encroachment survey at Gardiner, Field Manager Gerald Ditto's crew (Carl Engstedt, Don Hinman, Ira Cutler) had alternator trouble near Manhattan. After flagging down a highway patrolman, who radioed the sheriff, who in turn called the Bozeman shop, the mechanic arrived with a new alternator. Within a few minutes the crew was back on the road. Thanks again to the mechanic, the highway patrol and the Bozeman shop.

Carl Engstedt, instrumentman on Jerry Ditto's crew in Helena, and wife Ellen are the proud parents of twins, Eric and Chris (boy & girl). Good Luck Mom and Dad, now it's "double trouble."

Mr. and Mrs. John Matule are the proud parents of a new son, Cary Joseph, born January 16. John is a bridge inspector on the Butte construction.

We would like to extend a hand to the following men for their loyalty and service to the department: George Longbella, 15 years; Murray O'Brien, 10 years; William Birkenbuel, 25 years; Robert Williams, 10 years; Donald Hinman, 15 years; Kenneth Peterson, 10 years; Eugene Campbell, 25 years; John Jones, 20 years; and Carl Hartwig, 10 years. Congratulations, fellas.

After spending a relaxing week in Hawaii, Hugh Douglas, serviceman, is back at work suntanned and the envy of the Butte shop.

Wanted: One "salty" attache case. Any size, shape, or color except heliotrope or chartreuse. Anyone having the above item please contact Ray Grant, construction, Butte office.

Welcome Marilyn Mullaney, clerk typist II. Marilyn, a native of Butte, attended Butte schools and was previously employed by the Head Start program before coming to work for the Department of Highways. Marilyn enjoys candle making and decoupage for hobbies.

Sean McBride, son of Bill McBride, teamster and sometimes paint machine operator, Butte section and points

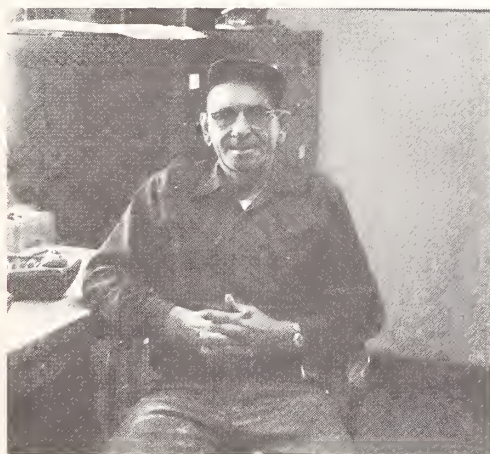
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south, is making a name for himself in speed skating circles. So far seven year old Sean has won the over trophy in races sponsored by the Butte Amateur Speed Skating Club, the City School races sponsored by the City of Butte, the Northwest International speed skating races in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, and the Vern (Hanna) Griffith Memorial races held in Butte. Sean now has his sights set on the Northwest International indoor speed skating meet to be held in the Butte Civic Center in early April. Sean races in the Pee Wee boys division. This is only the second year Sean has skated and his first year on speed skates. It sounds like dad has a lot to be proud of. Good luck, Sean!

Wolf Point

—Ollic Hauge—

Mike Carter, maintenance supervisor I at Glasgow is resigning April 6 with 25 years of service to his credit. He has served for the last 19 years in the capacity of section manager. Looking forward to his retirement days, he and his family have created a full-time hobby in ceramics. Mike



Carter

mixes and pours the slip, then turns the greenware over to his helpers for finishing and selling. He is pictured here with four lovely ash trays which he gave to the lucky office force. Mike says to drop in at his home where he has his "shop" and they'll be glad to show you around. Good luck to you in your retirement—we'll miss having you drop in at the office.

Dan E. Plouffe, maintenanceman from the Wolf Point vicinity, resigned the middle of March to accept em-

ployment elsewhere. Dan had about eight years of service to his credit. Sounds as though he's heading away down south in Indiana — our best wishes go with you, Dan.

Another of our maintenancemen has decided to try a new venture—Gary McCrea has resigned effective March 23 and will go into a farming and cattle raising project with his father. He has been with the department about ten years and the six summers most of his time was spent on the striper in the Wolf Point and Glendive divisions. He is shown here saying "farewell to the chief," Dean Borgen. We wish you the best, Gary.



Borgen, McCrea

Engineering Aide 2 Wayne Lien, who has been working with James Baldwin's crew at Culbertson, has submitted his resignation effective March 30. He has accepted other employment locally. Wayne has been with us for about four years except for the time spent in military service. We hope to see him around occasionally, and wish him well.

At first we thought we were seeing the effects of spring around the Wolf Point division, what with the budding beards and mustaches, but we learned they were being grown to celebrate the 50th Annual Wolf Point Stampede. At this rate, they'll be stepping on each other's beards by the middle of July.

Bozeman

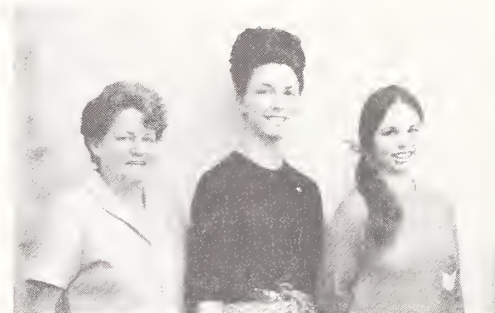
—Barbara McGuire—

It sure is quiet here in the office now that the engineers have moved upstairs into the new office just recently completed. Dan Urbach, Cliff Farrington and Erwin Elgen are upstairs enjoying the newness.

Doris Johnson has also left our ranks. She has gone home to await

the arrival of her second baby due in April.

Service awards have been presented to the following: 30 years, John W. Bailey and John J. Gorman; 25 years, Billy C. Ford; 15 years, Kenneth L. Noyes, Elmer Jerke and Martin Kolence; 10 years, Barbara J. McGuire; and 5 years, Phillip D. Westfall. Cake and coffee were served at the presentation ceremony held in the division office.



Pat, Barbara, Ronda

"We girls" have been on a self-improvement kick this winter. Ronda and Barbara joined Weight Watchers and Pat, not to be outdone, joined TOPS. As a result we have lost a combined total of 80 pounds and are still plugging away. A happy side effect is that the rolls at coffee break last twice as long and we even celebrated one birthday with celery and carrots instead of the traditional birthday cake. Ah, the joys of having baggy clothes.

Rich Saltzman and crew came in last week with the finals on the Big Timber job so they along with their leader, Dennis, celebrated the occasion with "vigah." Boy, did they celebrate!!! The faces were long the next day. . . .

Leonard Burg is at home recuperating from surgery for a herniated ulcer. Along with him, there are numerous casualties from the current flu bug. Hopefully, the sniffing and snorting will cease soon.

Congratulations to the Jan Camps who are the proud parents of Jacob Reeves Camp born February 12, their first child.

Larry Williams and family are off on a trip to Arizona and California which will include Disneyland, etc. Following them up is Barbara McGuire and family who are off for Phoenix to the "Indy Car" races and then on down to Mexico for tacos, etc.

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Barbara just returned from a quick trip to Denver where she attended her sister's wedding. She returned with 17 empty Cold Duck bottles which she is using for her homemade wine. That is a "fun" hobby.

The engineers have three new contracts to keep them busy. They are the street improvements in Bozeman and the grading and new bridge at Wilsall.

Dennis Williams had a good time last weekend fishing for steelheads with his brother at Orofino, Idaho. They were weighing in at around 15 pounds apiece.

Jim Phelps and Jack Ranta spent a week in Aspen, Colorado, skiing and trying to catch up to those fast girl skiers. When asked if they caught any, they just grinned.

Billy C. Ford has been elected president of the Western Montana Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Congratulations, Billy C.

Irv Westin is our motor pool dispatcher. He transferred to the Bozeman shop from the Montana State University physical plant when the motor pool was put into operation 1½ years ago. Irv was born and raised in Minnesota and in 1936 he moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he met and married his wife,



Westin

Myrtle, in 1938. After living in Helena they came to Bozeman where Irv worked at MSU for 17 years before coming to the Bozeman division. His son, Larry, is a career Marine stationed in Washington, D.C., and his daughter, Nancy, attends the Vo-Tech school here in Bozeman. Irv enjoys fishing and doing odd jobs at home.

Miles City

Jean Sweeney

Donald and Margaret Hafla are

parents of their first baby, a boy, and he has the distinction of being the first baby born in Miles City in 1973. His name is Zane Donald and he was born New Year's Day at 10:46 a.m., and he weighed 8 lbs. and 15 oz. The Haflas and their baby are the recipients of many gifts from local merchants. Don is engineering aide II with Ray Garland's crew, headquartered at Forsyth.



The Haflas

Among the 46 recipients of law scholarships for the 1972-73 academic year is James M. Kaze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kaze, working shop foreman in the Miles City division. According to the announcement of Robert E. Sullivan, dean of the University of Montana School of Law, Jim will receive a Charles Jousman Scholarship.

Robert S. Kaze, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kaze, graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech and at present is employed at the Miles City Star writing sports articles. He plans to go to law school this fall at the University of Montana in Missoula. He was picked recently for several honors. A member of Kap-

pa Sigma social fraternity, he was named to "Who's Who Among Greek Fraternities and Sororities of America." He was picked for the National Student Register for inclusion as a biographee, an honor awarded to only one student per year at MSU. He also had a Dean's Scholarship this past quarter.

Mick Ross, rodman in the Miles City division resigned December 15. Mick has left Miles City for Columbia, Missouri, where he has enrolled in the University of Missouri to study law.

Bob Morgan, section supervisor at Boyes was a patient for a time in the Miles City Veteran's Hospital. He is back at work now.

Jay George, section supervisor in the Miles City area, was off work for awhile, necessitated when he had to be with his wife in Billings who underwent surgery in a Billings hospital. She is now convalescing at home and Jay is back at work.

James C. Clark, maintenanceman and section helper at Hillside, was married to Tresia Kincheloe of Ingomar on March 8, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup. A reception followed the ceremony at the Moose Hall.

Paul Keniv, mechanic in the Miles City division shop, was off work for three weeks because of a painful attack of the gout. He returned to work recently and seems to be fully recovered.

Sympathy is extended to Ralph Kaze in the death of his mother, Mrs. Grace Fern Kaze of Caliente, Nevada. Ralph flew to Las Vegas and from there went by car with relatives to Caliente to attend the funeral.

Bruce and Maureen Larson are parents of a brand new baby boy born February 13 in a Miles City hospital. He has been named Tracy Robert and he joins an older brother. Bruce is engineering aide II with Ray Garland's crew and is headquartered at Forsyth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Seiler, chief-field maintenance bureau, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sheila, to Timothy Joel Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Miller of Miles City. A June wedding is planned.